Saint Louis, Feb. 8th, 1840.

My Dear Doctor,

You may readily guess my surprise when your Communication (dated Feb 3 at Shawneetown) arrived, and to show a proper respect for the document, and also the source from whence it emenated, I was not slow in communicating the astounding development of your whereabouts to the body Scientific, which caused a general turnaut and resulted in the firm resolve that Shorlach Berger was the only proper media in which Sentiment might be embalmed for the occasion - and Kindred Spirits talk the matter over —— accordingly Six Corks were drawn and as many times our wandering friends were cheered. — But that barrel of Oysters at the mouth —— it's too much to think on.

Dr. Widlizenus is a Bachelor and attends to business: every thing goes on well — all the same as when you left. The Man who is getting out our Posts & Rails was here a few days ago — I took him to Theodore —— the Rail Guage is all right. Our last meeting at the Academy was large & respectable, great harmony prevailed and much good was done — things work beautifully. Gratz received $1000 from Dr. Watson for the Painting, all told, and the party are as mad as hell about it —— there is a remote hope that there will be Some Canvasing done before all is over; Gratz is Painting my Portrait &c. Carpenter is remarkably attentive to his friends — he is some what hard run and wants to borrow money; "Can't come it Judge". The Medical Society met, and I believe damn'd her self — Howard was Admitted in an informal manner led on by Sykes, Some canvassing —— Carpenter & your Servant warned for formality, and the honour of the Society — we did not vote — there was Twenty members present.

We are all well and happy.

With much respect, I am
your Ob't. Serv't
B. B. Brown

P.S. You may expect Papers at Georgetown
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Saint Louis, March 11th, 1840.

Dear Doctor,

In a communication from Dr. Kerr dated Feb. 23rd you are mentioned as being expected in Washington on the 24th. but it was not until yesterday that we learned your whereabouts the promulgation of which is from your letter to Theadore dated Washington City &c.

We have sustained a loss which time alone may probably repair to some extent, an Derive to every Condeguent griefs. My beautiful little Boy Henry Saint Louis died on the 9th of Feb. of Scarlatina Anginosa — Mrs Brown & Isidora had it, but thanks to God they have recovered from the disease. Our friends are well and doing about the same as when you left Dr. Wislizenus is just what he ought to be, a Gentleman — is highly esteemed by all who have been so fortunate as to cultivate his acquaintance. The Man who was to put up our fence last the Posts & Rails in the Ice Consequently cannot do it this Spring, but in consideration of the disasters the Academy has given him further time — I took him to Theadore. Loneing is plowing am Sat and Lays it is not half grubbed — I took him also to Theadore. The Academy is making some exertions to build a Hall but nothing matured yet.

With the Aid of Dr. Millegenus I have prepared the finest kind of Specimen of the Polygodon Shelaum or Shovel fish — its weight was 100 pounds — I think you will find we have not been idle during your temporary absence. Dr. Rawand is admitted a Member of the Medical Society of Mo. And is employed as physician to the University in place of Dr. Flanel who is in bad health and intends to go travelling after Easter. Dr. McCabe has a fine Boy, as at least his good Wife.

We find Mr Gliddon a great acquisition to the Academy in making preparations &c. We elevated the gentlemen of Cincinnati who you named, to Corr: Memberships. I have Corresponded with Dr. Trimble and. Dr. Locke & Mr Anthony. The Indian Queen is here and brought the Boy &c. I Locked it up, and will leave it locked for you.

I wish you to bring from Paris in addition to what I have requested, a Set of about 30 instruments just up in good Style — or more if you choose.

I hear repeated Enquiries made about you, only yesterday Mrs Foster spoke Feelingly of you — I am afraid for her at present. Mr. F. Party is nominated by the Whigs for Mayor the Democrats have not nominated yet.

I would have written to you more frequently but was unabled to tell when you would leave up sufficiently long to receive a letter — I wrote to Washington and sent you some papers. I have not succeeded in selling your Instruments yet, I intend to advertise them, however, and write you in April about the Result.

Meetings of the Academy are well attended — I expect to read a paper in April at Putnams School room before the members &c.

With much regard
Am your friend
G. C. Swan

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My Dear Doctor:—

A long time has elapsed since I had the pleasure of communicating with you, but, as I have become settled, with a moderate share of this worlds comforts and conveniences surrounding me, it may be reasonably hoped, that in future, my correspondence will not be so lax. You will receive this by our mutual friend Dr. Wislizenus who has been engaged in practice here for some time, and now, is about to return to St Louis.

I am engaged here in the practice of Medicine and Surgery exclusively and have had my share of success. We are all well and happy in this most magnificent Climate and Country. I have not received any communication from you. The Collection which I made in my transit across the Plains was truly magnificent, even Port folio full, lost all in the Snow, the mule froze to death who packed them while I was leading it. I begun to make a collection of plants abounding in this region of country last June and continuing each month forward, those which I have preserved are in good order and will be sent to you from time to time as opportunity may offer, I will continue this, until you are supplied with every thing to be obtained here.

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I would send you a package with the Dr. but he is unable to carry any thing of so much bulk. During this Summer I will make a collection of Seeds which I will also send to you, this may be done by letter. I would write more but time will not permit.

Make My regards agreeable to Mrs Engelmann, and believe me

Yours truly

B. D. Brown

Dr. G. Engelmann

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